

Sunday, May 16, 2010

Status

- Poor weather and seas continues to impacts operations. Skimming and burning operations are pending. Conditions are expected to improve along the Louisiana coast on Monday.
- Breton National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) remains closed to public entry and low-level over-flights continue to be prohibited to protect nesting birds. Aerial flights were conducted on Saturday and no oil was reported on any portion of the Breton NWR.

Response

- 202 Service personnel are involved in the oil spill response.
- Seven Service surveillance and recovery teams were deployed on Saturday. Two boat teams completed the nearshore coastline surveys in the eastern end of upper Mississippi Sound. No oil was observed in nearshore water or along the shoreline; no oiled or impaired birds were found.
- On Saturday, ground teams continued beach surveys along the Alabama coast.
- Aerial manatee surveys were completed in Mobile Bay, Ala., with no reported manatee sightings.
- Planning is underway to conduct sea turtle search efforts on the water in and near the oil spill.
- Sea turtle nest protocols for clean-up crews in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas are under development by staff in the St. Petersburg, FL., Command Center.
- Current efforts to mitigate impacts to refuges and wildlife in Louisiana continue as well as significant ongoing work to prepare for potential impacts across coast-line of Mississippi, Alabama and the west coast of Florida.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Centers

- Theodore, AL
- Pensacola, FL
- Fort Jackson, LA
- Gulfport, MS

The Spill by the numbers

- Total response vessels: 656
- Total boom deployed: more than 1.7 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Total boom available: more than 900,000 feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Oily water recovered: more than 6.3 million gallons
- Dispersant used: more than 600,000 gallons
- Aerial dispersants used: 575,816 gallons
- Sub-sea dispersants used: 38,913 gallons
- Dispersant available: more than 280,000 gallons
- Overall personnel responding: more than 19,000

- 17 staging areas are in place and ready to protect sensitive shorelines. These areas include:

St. Mary, La.
Amelia, La.
Cocodrie, La.
Grand Isle, La.
Venice, La.
Hopedale/Shell Beach, La.
Slidell, La.
Pass Christian, Ms.
Biloxi/Gulfport, Ms.
Pascagoula, Ms.
Dauphin Island, Ala.
Theodore, Ala.
Orange Beach, Ala.
Pensacola, Fl.
Panama City, Fl.
St. Joe, Fl.
St. Marks, Fl.